



# CITY of BEAVERTON

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **‘HIDDEN FACES OF HUNGER AND POVERTY IN OUR COMMUNITY’ ON THE AGENDA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

***- Beaverton’s Human Rights Advisory Commission Invites Public to Attend; Representatives from Community Action and the Oregon Food Bank to Speak -***

**BEAVERTON, Oregon (March 26, 2010)** – The City of Beaverton **Human Rights Advisory Commission** (BHRAC) invites the community to attend a discussion on the issues of hunger and poverty in our community at an upcoming meeting on Tuesday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the **Beaverton City Library** (12375 SW 5th St). Guest speakers Lisa Brown, from Community Action of Washington County, and Laura Slocomb, from the Washington County division of the Oregon Food Bank, will discuss issues relating to housing and hunger in Beaverton.

“Poverty and hunger is taking a toll on our community, particularly during these difficult economic times,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “We must do more to help our friends and neighbors in need, and the first step is to learn more about the problems they face. I encourage the public to attend and to get involved with the City’s Beaverton Cares program.”

“It is difficult for many in Beaverton to believe just how much real poverty exists in our community. There is so much below the surface. We are fortunate to have two knowledgeable presenters to raise the awareness of the Commission and our community,” said Commission Chair Rob Solomon.

For additional information please visit our web pages at [www.beavertonoregon.gov/HRAC](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/HRAC).

### **ABOUT THE BHRAC**

The nine member Human Rights Advisory Commission was created with the general purpose to help the citizens and government in the City of Beaverton to achieve the goal of embracing and celebrating diversity, eliminating bigotry, and enhancing a sense of community. Learn more about the commission by visiting our web pages at: [www.beavertonoregon.gov/HRAC](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/HRAC).

### **ABOUT BEAVERTON CARES**

The Beaverton Cares program seeks to raise awareness of human needs issues in the community and to seek collaborative solutions. Since its launch in June 2009, highlights of the program include three emergency food distributions in partnership with the Oregon Food Bank and the Giving Garden project that provided more than 1,500 pounds of fresh produce to local food pantries. For more information, please contact Lani Parr at (503) 526-2243 or visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/BeavertonCares](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/BeavertonCares).

**ABOUT BEAVERTON**

Beaverton was recently named the **safest city in the Northwest** for the third consecutive year. Among other accolades, Beaverton was also lauded as one of the **Best Places to Raise Kids in America** by **BusinessWeek** magazine, one of the **Top 100 Best Places to Live in America** by **Money** magazine, an **All-America City finalist in 2005**, is recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as a **Green Power Community** and is designated as a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** by the League of American Bicyclists. Beaverton also enjoys the most diverse population (by percentage of population) among Oregon cities.

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